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Title: Need to sanction grant expeditiously for providing incentives to the power utilities for reduction in T & D loss in Orissa.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): The State Government of Orissa has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Power in June 2005 in the prescribed format claiming incentive to the tune of Rs 264.94 crore for the year 2003-04. This is 50% of the actual loss reduction achieved by the utilities with 2000-01 as the base year based on loss reduction achieved by GRIDCO (transmission and bulk supplier of Power), a state owned Utility and the four distribution Licensees engaged in the retail supply of electricity in the State.

So, I request that the Ministry of Power should sanction the grant on the ground that the distribution companies in Orissa are joint venture companies and are not solely private owned as GRIDCO holds 49% and the private sector holds 51% with management control. The delay in release of grants has virtually stopped the electrification process and the target achievement for 2012 (electricity for all) cannot be achieved.